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Greetings Senator Carney, Representative Harnett and Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Gordon Collins-Faunce. I am speaking in favor of LD 842 An Act To Reestablish Parole.

I am currently serving time at MSP in Warren. I am a veteran of the U.S Army and after my discharge I worked as a flagger. Then I got locked up on multiple charges one being manslaughter. I am a father of 2 boys, one having died, and I have a daughter who I have never met because she was born 3 months after I got locked up. I am currently serving a sentence of 20 years out of 30 for the death of one of my boys, since I have been doing time I have been training dogs and taking programs to better myself. Besides parole we need supportive reentry system to help guys find housing and jobs. If they don't have a mutual support system out there and they will repeat the cycle.

With the option of parole I get to see my daughter a lot sooner and I want to show her that no matter what people say about me that I am actually a good person. Being in here it's hard on her to talk to me and understand everything because I can't see her face to face. Sure as Gary Gauthier said we don't deserve parole or a second chance.

But, we as prisoners or residents of the DOC would like the chance to prove ourselves to the outside world. Inside, we are just a burden on the taxpayers and aren't productive members of our respective communities. But, we want our children and families to know that we are ready to prove ourselves to them. I really hope you take everyones' testimonies into consideration and look in your hearts to approve this parole bill. I really hope you do.

If our words are not enough please hear our families and the children of parents that are locked up begging that you approve this.

The system has failed not us, but our children and our children's children because history repeats itself. Show the world and other states that you feel prisoners/residents deserve a second chance.

May God guide your decision in this matter.

Sincerely,
Gordon Collins-Faunce